IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION

United States of America, Plaintiff, v. City of Meridian; County of Lauderdale; Judge Frank Coleman, in his official capacity; Judge Veldore Young, in her official capacity; State of Mississippi; Mississippi Department of Human Services; and Mississippi Division of Youth Services Defendants.	)	Civil Action No. 3:13-CV-978-HTW-LRA

STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's March 2, 2017 Text Order, the United States respectfully submits this Status Report regarding its claims against each of the Defendants in this litigation:

The United States' claims against Defendants City of Meridian and State of Mississippi were resolved through Settlement Agreements approved by the Court on September 18, 2015. Doc. Nos. 83 and 84. Implementation of these agreements is underway. *See* Doc. Nos. 101 and 103 (most recent compliance reports submitted by the Independent Police and Probation Services Auditors). The United States' claims against Defendants Lauderdale County and Judges Coleman and Young remain live controversies and the parties are not on the verge of settlement.

On December 7, 2012, Defendants Judges Coleman and Young filed a Motion to Dismiss Based on *Younger* Abstention. Doc. No. 10. On September 4, 2013 the Court denied Defendants' Motion. Doc. No. 20.

On May 22, 2014, Magistrate Judge Anderson stayed discovery pending settlement negotiations between the United States and Defendants Lauderdale County Judges Coleman and Young. However, on November 25, 2014, Defendants Lauderdale County and Judges Coleman and Young filed Motions to Dismiss on renewed as well as new grounds, and the parties discontinued settlement negotiations. Doc. Nos. 57-61. On October 7, 2015, the Court held oral arguments on Defendants' Motions. On October 27, 2016, the Court held a telephonic Status Conference and heard further argument on Defendants' pending Motions to Dismiss.

As of the date of this filing, and regarding the claims between the United States and Defendants Lauderdale County and Judges Coleman and Young, discovery remains stayed and the Defendants' Motions to Dismiss remain pending before this Court.

Respectfully submitted this second day of March 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 2, 2017, I electronically filed a copy of the foregoing Notice of Filing and the accompanying attachment with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to those Parties identified in the Case Management System.

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